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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims cancel claims 1, 4, 15, and 19 and amend claims 2, 7, 16, 18, and 20 as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A closed circuit breather apparatus for an engine breather system comprising:
 - a cylinder head cover; and
 - a shut off valve provided beneath the cylinder head cover, the shut off valve including an aperture in communication with a ventilation inlet passage and a valve float restrained to move between a first position in which the aperture is open and a second position in which the aperture is closed;
 - wherein said shut off valve further includes a guide cage that restrains the valve float for movement between the first and second positions.
3. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the guide cage is fixed to the underside of the cylinder head cover.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the valve float is a ball float and covers the aperture when the valve float is in the second position
6. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the valve float is a ball float and covers the aperture when the valve float is in the second position.
7. (Currently Amended) A closed circuit breather apparatus for an engine breather system comprising:
 - a cylinder head cover;

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a shut off valve provided beneath the cylinder head cover, the shut off valve including an aperture in communication with a ventilation inlet passage and a valve float restrained to move between a first position in which the aperture is open and a second position in which the aperture is closed; and

a pressure regulation valve in communication with the ventilation inlet passage.

8. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 2, further including a pressure regulation valve in communication with the ventilation inlet passage.

9. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 3, further including a pressure regulation valve in communication with the ventilation inlet passage.

10. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 4, further including a pressure regulation valve in communication with the ventilation inlet passage.

11. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 7, further including an outlet passage in communication with the pressure regulation valve, the outlet passage having a first portion provided beneath the cylinder head cover and a second portion extending through the cylinder head cover to an outlet outside the cylinder head cover.

12. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 8, further including an outlet passage in communication with the pressure regulation valve, the outlet passage having a first portion provided beneath the cylinder head cover and a second portion extending through the cylinder head cover to an outlet outside the cylinder head cover.

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13. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 9, further including an outlet passage in communication with the pressure regulation valve, the outlet passage having a first portion provided beneath the cylinder head cover and a second portion extending through the cylinder head cover to an outlet outside the cylinder head cover.

14. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 10, further including an outlet passage in communication with the pressure regulation valve, the outlet passage having a first portion provided beneath the cylinder head cover and a second portion extending through the cylinder head cover to an outlet outside the cylinder head cover.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A closed circuit breather apparatus for an engine breather system comprising:

- a cylinder head cover adapted to define an engine valve chamber; and
- a shut off valve provided within the engine valve chamber,

the shut off valve including an aperture in communication with a ventilation inlet passage and a valve float restrained to move between a first position in which the aperture is open and a second position in which the aperture is closed;

wherein the shut off valve includes a guide cage that restrains the valve float for movement between the first and second positions.

17. (Original) A closed circuit breather apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the guide cage is fixed to the underside of the cylinder head cover.

18. (Currently Amended) A closed circuit breather apparatus for an engine breather system comprising:

- a cylinder head cover adapted to define an engine valve chamber;
- a shut off valve provided within the engine valve chamber,

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the shut off valve including an aperture in communication with a ventilation inlet passage and a valve float restrained to move between a first position in which the aperture is open and a second position in which the aperture is closed; and

a pressure regulation valve in communication with the ventilation inlet passage.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A cylinder head cover arrangement for an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a cylinder head cover;

a ventilation inlet passage integral with said cylinder head cover;

a breather shut off valve integral with said cylinder head cover and in communication with said ventilation inlet passage;

a ventilation outlet passage integral with said cylinder head cover; and

a pressure regulation valve in communication with said ventilation inlet passage and said ventilation outlet passage.